

What is a DOI?

The new APA citation style manual includes a significant change in citing electronic resources. Instead of listing a retrieval date and database name when citing online articles, APA style now requires a **Digital Object Identifier (DOI)**. A DOI is a unique identifier that provides a persistent link to an article online. DOIs should be included in citations of scholarly research articles that are found online (including OIT library's databases).

Example:

Brinkmann, S. (2009). Facts, values, and the naturalistic fallacy in psychology. *New Ideas In Psychology*, 27(1), 1-17. doi: 10.1016/j.newideapsych.2007.10.001

What if the article I am citing does not have a DOI?

Some research databases, such as Academic Search Premier, PsycINFO, and PsycARTICLES, include DOIs in their article records (if available), and citing articles from these sources is simple. Many other research databases, however, do not.

If a database does not include a DOI in its article records, the recommended method is to use CrossRef.org website's "free DOI lookup": <http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/>

Bibliographic metadata search

This form is a guest query interface to the CrossRef system for individual DOI retrieval. This interface is not intended for automated querying. If you would like to query CrossRef on an automated batch basis, please obtain an account on our system.

You must supply either author or first page and we recommend using journal title instead of ISSN. For a list of journal titles in the CrossRef holdings please visit [our browsable journal list](#).

Limit search to: Journal OR Book/Conference Proceeding

First Author: ISSN:

Journal Title:

Article Title:

Volume: Issue: Page: Year:

ISBN: Component Number:

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Instead of including a retrieval date and database name, users are now expected to include the DOI assigned to that article.

Type in the necessary data in the boxes, and click **Search**. Your article's DOI will be displayed:

Journal Title	Author	ISSN	Volume	Issue	Page	Year	PubMedID	PMCID
Article Title								
DOI			Persistent Link					
Journal of Clinical Oncology	Palesh	0732183X	28	2	292	2010	19933917	
Prevalence, Demographics, and Psychological Associations of Sleep Disruption in Patients With Cancer: University of Rochester Cancer Center-Community Clinical Oncology Program								
doi:10.1200/JCO.2009.22.5011			http://dx.doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2009.22.5011					

What if CrossRef cannot find a DOI?

If the DOI of the desired article is still unavailable, two alternatives are acceptable:

- Give the exact URL of the article (if it is in open access and no sign-in is required)
- Give the URL of the journal publisher's home page (if it is from a licensed database)

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This information may also be found at: www.oit.edu/libraries/help/citing/apa/doi

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